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- 11. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to MFA Director General of Multilateral Affairs Lourdes Puma on August 6, and followed up with Puma on August 18. Puma confirmed that President Correa would not attend, and that Foreign Minister Maria Isabel Salvador would represent Ecuador at the UNGA.
- 12. (SBU) Puma explained that because Ecuador will hold a public referendum on a new draft constitution on September 28, President Correa will not travel out of Ecuador during the days preceding the referendum. Since the Foreign Minister is currently on leave until August 28, the MFA is still unable to confirm the dates for the Foreign Minister's participation and travel.
- 13. (SBU) The following information is in the format requested in reftel:

A and B. Attendance of the Head of State or Head of Government

- -- Rafael Correa, President
- -- Will NOT attend.
- 1C. Attendance of the Foreign Minister.
- -- Maria Isabel Salvador, Foreign Minister.
- -- Arrival and departure dates TBD. Likely only two days, September 25-26, to be confirmed.
- -- Spouse not attending.
- -- Foreign Minister Salvador speaks fluent English, French, Italian and Spanish.
- -- Bilateral meeting with the Secretary requested.
- 1D. Attendance of other VIPs.
- -- Ambassador Carlos Jativa, Under Secretary of Bilateral Affairs, MFA
- -- September 21 27, to be confirmed.
- -- Spouse not attending.
- -- Ambassador Jativa speaks fluent English, French and Spanish.
- -- Ambassador Mentor Villagomez, Under Secretary for Economic and Commercial Affairs, Director General of Central America, the Caribbean and South America, MFA.
- -- September 21 27, to be confirmed.
- -- Spouse not attending.
- -- Ambassador Villagomez speaks fluent English and Spanish.

- TE. Attendance of the Foreign Ministry officials responsible for IO affairs.
- -- Ambassador Emilio Izquierdo, Under Secretary of Multilateral Affairs, MFA.
  -- September 21 - 27.
- -- Spouse not attending.
- -- Ambassador Izquierdo speaks fluent English and Spanish.
- -- Minister Lourdes Puma, Director General of Multilateral Affairs, MFA.
- -- September 21 27.
- -- Spouse not attending.
- -- Minister Puma speaks fluent English and Spanish.
- $\underline{\P}4$ . (SBU) Post will provide final information on the GOE's participation as soon as it becomes available. Hodges